



Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: In light of the full-translation of the newly discovered reference Sonoda et al. (JP 08-034678), the Examiner and Applicant discussed possible claim amendments to distinguish the claimed invention from embodiment b of the reference. The Applicant has suggested to incorporate the term "sheet" into the independent claims to require that the lofty batting is in continuous (or sheet) form rather than a collection of fiber aggregates which is considered to be non-sheet form. The Examiner has incorporated the term "sheet" into the independent claims by way of Examiner's amendment..